IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION NO.17 OF 2002

Bombay Environmental Action
Group & Anr. ..Petitioners.

Versus

The State of Maharashtra & Ors. ..Respondents.

Mr. Gautam Patel i/b. M/s. Humranwala & Co., for the Petitioner.

Mr. Ravi Kadam, learned Advocate General with Mrs. Jyoti Pawar for the Respondents State.

CORAM: DALVEER BHANDARI, C.J. &
S.J. VAZIFDAR, J.

DATE : 22ND JUNE, 2005

P.C.

Bombay Environmental Action Group has filed this Petition in which they claimed that the land records in the entire State of Maharashtra are incomplete and large number of problems are encountered because of not updating the land records in the State of Maharashtra. Otherwise also, this is an obligation of the State.

2. The learned Advocate General appearing for the State submits that process of updating the land records is in progress and looking to the massive task the entire work of updating the land records in the State may take another period of one year.

3. We have heard learned Counsel for the parties. In the facts and circumstances of this case and on the basis of the statement made by the learned Advocate General, we grant time to the State up to 31st May, 2006 to complete the entire land records in the State of Maharashtra.

4. The Chief Secretary of the State is directed to issue circulars within three weeks to the District Collector and Magistrate and other concerned officials directing them to complete the entire proceedings as expeditiously as possible and, in any event, on or before 31st May, 2006.

5. In view of the above statement of the Advocate General, nothing further survives in this Petition. The Petition is disposed of accordingly with liberty to the Petitioners to revive the Petition in case updating of land records in the State of Maharashtra in not complete by 31st May, 2006.

6. The learned Advocate General undertakes to file quarterly report regarding the progress of the work before the Registrar General indicating the extent of work completed with a copy of the same to be given to the learned Counsel for the Petitioners. This Petition is accordingly disposed of.

CHIEF JUSTICE

S.J. VAZIFDAR, J.